

Oral Questions

Mr. Orlikow: Mr. Speaker, would the Prime Minister inquire whether the government's productivity increases would permit increased compensation of up to \$5,000 which is more than the guidelines suggest.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, increased compensation to whom and under what circumstances? I am afraid the hon. member would need to ask the question at more length or submit it in writing.

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AGRICULTURE**CANADIAN EGG MARKETING AGENCY—SUGGESTED EXAMINATION OF COST OF PRODUCTION FORMULA—REASON FOR REDUCTION IN PRICE**

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the fact that the Canadian Egg Marketing Agency has now reversed the position it took on November 24 in its letter to the Anti-Inflation Board and has in fact rolled back the price of Grade A large eggs on the basis of a decline in the price of feed, I ask the minister if he is now prepared to direct, or as a result of his meeting with the Farm Products Marketing Council he is directing, the council to examine the whole cost of production formula of the agency and is he satisfied that the cost of production formula is in order.

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member wants to find out for himself he can do so very easily by talking to any member of the council. We have a full-time officer who just watches the price formula they are using. The fact that eggs have been reduced one cent a dozen is the result of following the formula. They could reduce it further in another month if the cost input warrants that much of a change. I am satisfied that when they increased the price of eggs one cent a dozen for grade A large this was warranted. We are continually watching it. I said to the hon. member the other day I was going to meet with the Farm Products Marketing Council and he tried to say I misled the House. I did meet with them. I told them my concern and the concern of the members of the House of Commons about what was going on and they assured me they were following the formula and that their person was checking. I did not receive a written reply but I received a phone call telling me they were satisfied and also that their price would be rolled back one cent a dozen because of the information they were provided by the feed industry in Canada and as a result of their double checking with the Canadian Livestock Feed Board, and so on, which they do constantly every day of the week.

Mr. McGrath: Mr. Speaker, may I ask the minister if we can take from his answer that the price of eggs has been rolled back as a consequence of discernible changes in the price of feed grain or if in fact the price of eggs has been rolled back as a consequence of the protest levelled at CEMA over the recent price increases by the Anti-Inflation Board.

[Mr. Speaker.]

Mr. Whelan: Not at all, Mr. Speaker. The price was rolled back because they are following the formula as they are supposed to and because we are watching them.

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NATIONAL REVENUE**TAX ON GASOLINE—PROVISION TO ELIMINATE COLLECTION OF REFUNDABLE PORTION**

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Revenue. Could the minister advise the House whether or not there will be a certification program in place by December 31 to provide that his department will not have to continue the collection of the ten cents per gallon excise tax on that portion which ultimately has to be refunded to the several eligible groups in Canada.

Hon. Jack Cullen (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, I am advised that the regulations are now in the final stage of preparation and would expect to be able to announce them soon. There is an interdepartmental committee working on this. Whether they will reach all the individuals the hon. member would like I do not know at this time.

Mr. Towers: Mr. Speaker, could the minister tell us whether this certification program will be in place by the end of this year so that another taxation year will not be involved.

Mr. Cullen: I do not expect by the end of this year, Mr. Speaker.

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MANPOWER**PROPORTION OF NON-CANADIANS TEACHING AT UNIVERSITIES—GOVERNMENT ACTION**

Mr. Stan Schellenberger (Wetaskiwin): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Has his department conducted an inquiry into the whole question of the extent and effect of the apparently high proportion of persons teaching in Canadian universities who are not, or are not trying to become, Canadian citizens.

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, this whole area is under very intensive review now. I do not think it will be long before we will be announcing a federal position. As the hon. member will appreciate this is very much a matter under provincial jurisdiction and we will make our decision after consultation with the provinces.